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# 822nd ESFS sets the bar

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I want to give my appreciation and thanks for a job well done to the men and women of the 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

You have raised the bar of excellence for expeditionary force protection to a level never before achieved. The United States Central Command Deputy Commander in Chief, Egyptian Air Force Chief of Staff, Director Joint Rear Area Coordination Center, and the Bright Star Force

Protection Vulnerability Assessment Team all said this was the best force protection operation they have ever seen.

Certainly the physical security barriers, sensors, and procedures were awesome, but what really set us apart was the professionalism of the people in this unit. You worked endless days without rest; conquered numerous cultural barriers; suffered through extreme desert heat in full battle gear; and made Cairo West Air Base the safest place in Egypt. I hope that each of you are as proud of your accomplishments as I am proud to have been your commander.



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SSgt. Felipe Acosta, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, loads the 50-caliber machine gun outside one of the entry control points. Right, an 822nd ESFS airman checks identification at an entry control point. The identification check is just one way the 822nd ESFS deters aggressors from harming Tent City, K-SPAN and flightline personnel.



MSgt. David Montano, 822nd ESFS, patrols around Cairo West on his four-wheeler. Cops used a wide variety of vehicles to patrol the grounds, from humvees to walking ESFS personnel are everywhere airmen look.

